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California Corsets

are always fitted. You know what you are getting before you pay for them. We give you comfort, fit, satisfaction and style. Call and learn about our Corsets. The information you get will be of value, even though you do not buy.

California Corset Co.,

FULTON AND HOYT STREETS,
BROOKLYN, N. Y.
Elevator, 10 Hoyt Street.

Falling Hair, itching scalp,
Dandruff Outed, Examination Free.
DR. JOHN AUGUST,
Specialist.
Rejuvenator, 18 THIAL BOTTLE, 75c.
100 Fulton St., opp. Flatbush av., B. 1712.
Drug and Department stores have it.

WEAK SPOT IN RUSSIA'S ARMY

HER OFFICERS ARE INCOMPETENT AS WELL AS CORRUPT.

Knights of the Ballroom Who Despoil Study Are Leading Brave Soldiers Against the Japs, Says an Ex-Consul Who Lived Long in Russia—The Rebut.

BALTIMORE, Md., July 16.—Few men in the United States are better qualified to speak of conditions in Russia and the Russian army than is G. M. Hutton of Baltimore, who as American Vice-Consul-General lived in Russia from 1888 to 1892 and has since kept in close touch with Russian affairs. He lays the blame for Russia's military failures and the corruption in her military service on the officers alone.

Mr. Hutton married the daughter of the late Thomas Winans, who with his late brother, William L. Winans, equipped and managed the Nicholas Railroad between St. Petersburg and Moscow, and built up a great fortune by the undertaking. He is himself the master of Alexandroffsky, most picturesque of the estates in Baltimore.

"I lived nearly fourteen years in Russia," said Mr. Hutton to-day, "and I am quite a number of friends among the Russians. They are all good natured, kind-hearted, and, I might even add, generous people; but as a rule, the educated classes are unreliable and superficial. The peasants are the backbone of the empire. They are brave, and can be generally relied upon. They cannot help pilfering, but as a Russian gentleman once put it to me, 'They are born that way.' They attain the acme of obedience, and therefore, they make wonderfully good soldiers when led by men in whom they have confidence.

"However, obedience is not all that is required, when pitted against such intelligence as is possessed by the Japanese. In regard to the obedience of the Russian soldier, one of England's foremost Generals was once invited to watch the army maneuvers near St. Petersburg. On his return from the inspection, a Russian of rank asked his opinion of what he had seen. His reply was that 'Were he Emperor of Russia and lost a battle, he would hang all the commanding officers on the nearest tree.'

"With such men," he said, "I would undertake to march to hell and back, and know that if I failed I would myself be to blame."

"That is the rank and file of the army. But the rank and file have to be led. There where the Russian army is weak, and where the Russian officer is a knight of the ballroom and drawing room. He is too much bent on catering to his own pleasures to study his profession. The Russians are not students and they despise work. The consequence is the Yalu, Kinchou, Nanshan Hill and the numerous naval catastrophes at Port Arthur.

"But worse than the incompetency of its officers is the corruption among them. I was in Russia during the Russo-Turkish war and well remember the horrible corruption unheeded then. Thousands of pairs of boots were supplied to the troops with the sole gliding or with pasteboard soles, with a thin piece of leather stuck on top for the sake of appearances. Contractors agreed to furnish, say, 100,000 blankets, and delivered only 50,000, but were always able to produce a receipt for the full number.

"There are not on record more flagrant instances of 'graft' in any country, and I notice that this sort of thing is no better to-day than it was in my time. Take, for instance, the case at Harbin, where the Russian officers were selling powder out of the Government stock to the Chinese merchants, and as if that was not really enough in itself, cheating the merchants by filling the boxes more than three-quarters full of sand and sprinkling a little powder on top. With such dishonesty running through the supply departments, can it be wondered at that the brave soldiers are short of food and have not the stamina to withstand the scientifically delivered shock of the Japanese army?

"There is one man in Russia who is sincerely to be pitied. That is the Emperor. He is a man of the gentlest nature, cultured, lovable, kindly, and in the highest degree a nobleman. But he is the autocrat ruler of a people like the upper classes of the Russians than a monarch of such a gentle nature as his?

Alexandroffsky, the Baltimore home of Mr. Hutton, is one of the curiosities of Baltimore. It takes its name from a village in Russia where the Winans estate established its manufacturing plant during the construction of the Nicholas railroad, and was built by the late Mr. Winans after his return to this country. The site covers about three city blocks. The mansion is filled with art treasures, and the grounds are laid out in elaborate fashion.

Store Closes at 5 P. M.

Saturdays at Noon.

Frederick Loeser & Co.

In every detail the Leading Retail Establishment of Brooklyn.

Women's Summer Tailored Wear: Bargains

A bargain is something you want and for less than the usual price. It is bargain news in the best sense of the term that we print to-day. Crisp, cool skirts, with style and character and durability to recommend them, are to be had for less than half price in most cases. Dainty shirtwaist suits, as fresh and charming and dainty as any wear for a Summer's day, are here for a third less than regular. We have helped makers to straighten stock, had our pick of their best product and it will be ready for the early comers to-morrow.

Pique Skirts at \$3.98, Worth Up to \$11.

Made of the choicest imported white pique, both plain and with figures or stripes. Made in the newest plaited and gored effects, all of them fresh and new. The balance of the stock of one of the best makers in New York.

Cloth Skirts at \$4.98, Worth Up to \$14.

Mohairs, chevrons and panama cloths of light Summer weight. They are all men-tailored and show a considerable variety of styles, mostly in the popular many-plaited effects. Extraordinary value at to-morrow's price.

\$6 White Lawn Shirtwaist Suits at \$3.98.

Made of very sheer and fine lawn, the fronts very full and ornamented with lace and drawn embroidery in wheel effects. Tucked back and full sleeves with hemstitched cuffs and collar. Full gored skirt, front and side gores tucked and with bands of insertion to match the waist. Inverted plait back. Second Floor, Front.

Another Shipment of "Elsmere"

\$1 Silk Gloves for 69c.

These are the Gloves with the guaranteed double woven finger tips—no extra thickness—but double strength, and our guarantee of a new pair for a pair that fails to give reasonable wear.

A new shipment is just in—black, white and gray. They are the best Gloves sold anywhere for..... 69c. a pair

\$1.75 and \$2 Washable Kid Gloves, \$1.50.

White French kid Gloves that will wash perfectly in lukewarm water—a blessing for hands that perspire much. Main Floor, Bond Street.

75c. Liberty Satins, 39c.

Fifteen hundred yards of the soft, rich Silks that are so steadily in demand for pretty and durable Summer shirtwaist suits come down to-morrow to almost half the price at which they started the season. They are printed Liberty satins of the 75c. quality, 24 inches wide, and most of them are in small white polka dot patterns on blue, brown and black grounds.

75c. Check Taffeta Silks, 49c. 24 inches wide, black and white, navy and white and brown and white.

75c. Shantung colored Pongee, 59c. 27 inches wide. Fine, silky quality.

75c. Peau de Cygne, 59c. Beautiful quality, strong, white and cream and black.

69c. guaranteed black Taffeta, 49c. 20 inches wide; wear guaranteed woven on the edge of each yard. Main Floor, Bond Street.

The Best \$5 Suit Case.

Everybody has a \$5 Suit Case to sell. Everybody says "mine's best." Can't everybody be right? Why not see for yourself?

The Loeser \$5 Suit Case is made of fine cowhide leather on steel frame with stitched edge and reinforced corners. It has leather lining, four inside straps and extra shirt pocket. Good brass look and clasps.

We will back it against any Suit Case at \$5 sold anywhere in the country. Main Floor, Centre.

The Finest Smyrna Rugs

Less Than Half Price.

Seven hundred and fifty of them that we can sell to-morrow for a bit under half what they usually cost. They are all wool, reversible, in fine designs and colorings—just as good Smyrna Rugs as may be bought anywhere for full prices.

21x45 inches, regularly \$1.85, now 80c.

26x54 inches, regularly \$2.35, now \$1.15.

30x60 inches, regularly \$2.75, now \$1.35.

36x72 inches, regularly \$4.15, now \$2. Third Floor.

More Washable Laces

At Next-to-Nothing Prices.

Last week's sale showed how much demand for washable cotton Laces there was—if only people could be sure that the laces were fine and dainty and good as well as little priced.

Another lot quite as fine ready for to-morrow—they will be flying out like fun as soon as the store opens. Better be early for them:

8c. to 49c. Laces, 5c. to 12½c.

Normandie and Point de Paris Laces and Insertions to match.

5c. to 25c. Torchon Laces, 2c. to 10c.

Torchon Laces and Insertions to match, from the narrow to the wide kinds.

19c. to \$1.69 Valenciennes Laces, 5c. to 49c.

Doz. Yds.

French Valenciennes Laces and Insertions to match.

10c. to 49c. Cotton Galloons, 5c. to 10c.

Cotton Galloons, in straight and medallion effects.

19c. to \$1.69 Cotton Allovers, 10c. to 49c.

Cotton Allovers, in heavy and light weight effects, in butter, white and Arabian colors.

10c. to 98c. Embroideries, 5c. to 19c.

New and pretty patterns, made on fine nainsook, Swiss and cambric. Edges and insertions, cut out edges. Galloons and Ribbon Beadings. None sent C. O. D. Second Floor.

An Opportunity Unequalled Is Presented by This Piano Sale.

Look through the list we print below. You will find splendid names there—names of Pianos which are famous for their high character. And yet, in many instances,

The Prices Are Less Than Half the Regular.

The reason? Simply because in no case can we say: "This is a new Piano." They have all been used. Some have been turned in to us in part payment for Pianos purchased here. The others are our own Pianos returned from rentals. In each instance they have been put in fine condition. In many instances they are absolutely as good as the new Pianos. But we cannot say they are new—and so we marked them as low as possible to insure their quick dispersal.

We guarantee all the Pianos, just as though they were new. We make the terms of payment just as easy and satisfactory to you as we do with other Pianos—except the Squares, which cost so little that you will be willing to pay cash. They are the best lot that we have ever offered under price in this way—the best Piano bargains we have ever had.

Squares.

Weber, rosewood.....\$65
Steinway, rosewood, excellent condition.....\$75
Ducker, rosewood.....\$70
Berry, rosewood.....\$25

Uprights.

Knabe, Colonial model, mahogany.....\$375
Emerson, largest size, mahogany case, extra good tone.....\$50
Schaeffer, largest size, Empire model, mahogany, exposed wrenst plank, birdseye maple finish.....\$50
Chase, mahogany, large size, could not be distinguished from new.....\$300
Howard & Co., medium size, mahogany case, like new.....\$280
Gilmore & Co., largest size, full 7-1/8 octave, like new.....\$250
Behr Bros., largest size, Louis XV design, quartered oak, an exceptionally fine instrument.....\$500

Kayton, medium size, figured birch.....\$150
Schumann & Sons, medium size, rosewood.....\$125
Chickering, small size, rosewood.....\$125
United Piano Makers, small size, rosewood.....\$125
Gaylord & Co., large size, mahogany, double carved panels.....\$150
Smith & Barnes, large size, matched walnut veneer.....\$165

Grands.

Chickering, semi-grand, like new.....\$400
Hale Grand, rosewood, small size.....\$175
Knabe, mignon, rosewood case.....\$600

Terms: On Uprights and Grands priced at \$250 and under, \$10 cash and \$5 monthly; higher priced instruments at proportionate increase in monthly amounts. Positively no advance in price on time payments further than simple interest at the rate of 4% per annum.

Because of the insignificant prices, Square Pianos will be sold only for cash. Fourth Floor.

A Reduction Sale of Refrigerators.

Timely news this. At the height of the season when reliable food preservers are in greatest demand, what could be more noteworthy than an offering of nearly a hundred of them for much less than even the usual low prices for which they have been sold here? But we are readjusting our own stock and helping the maker to readjust his. And this is the news that results:

Refrigerators at \$9.98, Were \$11.60 to \$14.75.

6 Alaska Refrigerators, apartment style, 50 inches high, 25 inches wide, 19 inches deep, 65 lbs. ice capacity; regularly \$13.98.

2 Alaska Refrigerators, lift cover style, 45 inches high, 29 inches wide, 18½ inches deep, 55 lbs. ice capacity; regularly \$13.98.

9 Sikka Refrigerators, apartment house style, white enamel lined, 34½ inches high, 61 inches high, 22 inches deep, 125 lbs. ice capacity; regularly \$23.98.

5 Sikka Refrigerators, apartment house style, white enamel lined, 58 inches high, 31½ inches wide, 21 inches deep, 90 lbs. ice capacity; regularly \$20.98.

7 Sikka Refrigerators, lift cover style, white enamel lined, 44½ inches high, 29 inches wide, 18½ inches deep, 50 pounds ice capacity; regularly \$12.98.

15 Baldwin Eclipse, Cleanable Refrigerators, lift cover style, 42 inches high, 28 inches wide, 21 inches deep, 75 pounds ice capacity; regularly \$16.50.

14 Sikka Refrigerators, apartment house style, 61 inches high, 34½ inches wide, 22 inches deep, 160 lbs. ice capacity; regularly \$19.50.

4 Alaska Refrigerators, lift cover style, white enamel lined, 48 inches high, 34 inches wide, 20½ inches deep, 85 lbs. ice capacity; regularly \$20.75.

Refrigerators at \$15.98, Were \$16.50 to \$23.98.

1 Sikka Refrigerator, lift cover style, white enamel lined, 48 inches high, 32 inches wide, 20½ inches deep, 70 lbs. ice capacity; regularly \$18.48.

10 Sikka Refrigerators, lift cover style, 60 inches high, 35½ inches wide, 21½ inches deep, 105 lbs. ice capacity; regularly \$16.50.

15 Star Refrigerators, apartment house style, 55 inches high, 31½ inches

ABRAHAM AND STRAUS

BROOKLYN.

Store Closes Daily at 5.—Saturday at Noon.

Persian Lamb Coats Made to Order at \$98.50.

Half their actual worth—an incomparable offer.

In the selling of first class Furs we have always led. We offer to-morrow the best opportunity Brooklyn people ever had to secure a strictly first class Persian Jacket at half its actual value. It should be distinctly understood moreover that these Coats are not the furs and styles of other years, but the strictly

Up-to-date Models of 1904.

In order to show you the beauty of the skins and the smartness of style, we have had models made in the very newest Parisian fads—exceedingly rich and jaunty. The skins are Leipsic dyed and of the hard-to-get, flat, glossy, broadtail character—full of life and brilliancy.

You select the skins—we make a canvas model to fit you, at your pleasure—and in the Fall, at the wear time, your elegant Jacket is ready for you. You have saved half the cost by buying it in Summer, half the annoyance of coming when the rush demand is on and will have the pleasure of knowing during your vacation that with the first Fall weather you will have a splendid garment, in exquisite taste and in the new fadged fashions, from 32 to 42 bust.

Another Matchless Offer.

Sealskin Coats—The Real Alaskans.

As a rule any advertisement of sealskin fails to mention the kind. That is because the Alaska seal is rare—yet it's the desired seal. These are guaranteed to be the real Alaska skins, Rice's London dye—selected skins—at the most remarkable price ever offered. Made to your measure in the 1905 models. Orders received Monday and Tuesday only. Our experts will select the skins for all telephone, mail or telegraph orders reaching us by Tuesday.

22 inch, \$215. 24 inch, \$235. 26 inch, \$250.

Nothing like these two offers have been made anywhere at any time. This is incontrovertible.

All sizes from 32 to 42 Bust Measure.

Stocktaking Strikes Deep Here.

Men's \$12.50 to \$15.00 Serge Suits at \$8.50.

In the greatest serge season in the history of the clothing business, with the market never so clear of Serge Suits as now, this offer is a particularly surprising one. One dealer, however, found he was a little too ambitious and had a balance left over—and we always buy so as not to be short—so to-morrow we offer his balance and some from our stock at a price that in many instances does not cover the net cost of manufacture. The man who has any use whatsoever for a Summer Serge Suit should not miss this opportunity.

There are three or four distinct weaves of serges in the sale and all are standard makes—cut in three button sack, half or full lined with excellent mohair serge and nearly all hand-tailored—a good assortment of regular sizes, from 33 to 44, stouts from 38 to 44 and a few longs for young men of 33 to 35 breast measure.

Hammocks Hit by Stocktaking.

Prices One-Third Off.

And with them fall the prices on many of our lawn and piazza Swings, Chairs, etc.

We have an overstock and rather than carry them over we cut the price just one-third on Hammocks. This applies to our full line of woven cotton, including the Oriental and Indian patterns, the best we have. On the latter, our largest sizes, capable of holding 500 to 600 pounds, wide reversible pillows, deep valance, heavy wood bars at each end; the regular price was \$4.98 to \$5.98, to-morrow.....\$3.49

Style No. 1—Full size, wide reversible pillows, deep valance, extra strong, heavy wood rods at ends, artistic colors, \$4.00 kind at \$2.49

Style No. 2—Large size, wide valance, with pillow, wood bars, extra strong, assorted colors, \$3.00 kind at.....\$1.99

Style No. 3—Full size, pillow and valance, pretty colors, very strong, \$2.50 kind at.....\$1.49

Style No. 4—A good Hammock, with pillow and valance, good size, \$1.50 kind at.....\$0.99

Lawn Swings—"our Winfield," of hard wood. Single, \$3.99; double, seating four persons.....\$4.75

Lawn or piazza Reclining Chairs. You can stretch out and go to sleep on them.....\$9c. and \$1.19

Our all Steel Comfort Chairs, adjustable to any position.....\$3.74

Silver Plated Hollow Ware

For Summer use. The Water Pitchers, Cracked Ice Tubs, Wine Coolers and Water Sets that are constantly needed now at particularly little prices.

Water Pitchers, quadruple plated, plain polished, fluted with bead edge, chased handle.....\$2.47 each
Water Pitchers, quadruple plated, fluted, partly burnished and butter finished, handsomely decorated with floral application.....\$3.05 each

Ice Water Pitchers, quadruple plated, porcelain lined, partly burnished, satin finished and engraved.....\$6.90 each
Ice Water Pitchers, quadruple plated, porcelain lined, chased, burnished or butter finish.....\$6.00 each

Tubs for cracked ice, quadruple plated, fluted or plain, with flower or chased decorations, butter finished.....\$4.95 each

Tubs for cracked ice, quadruple plated, fluted, with floral designs applied, butter finish.....\$5.95 each

Wine Coolers, quadruple plated, plain, polished, chased or bead edge.....\$5.75 each

Water Sets, quadruple plated, consisting of pitcher, goblet and tray, applied flower designs, butter finished.....\$10.90 a set

Sewing Machines.

Swift and easy running Machines that will save you lots of time and energy.

3 drawers, with cover, were \$17.48, at.....\$14.48
5 drawers, with cover, were \$18.74, at.....\$15.48
7 drawers, with cover, were \$19.98, at.....\$16.48
4 drawers, with drop head, were \$21.24, at.....\$17.98

A. & S. Machines.

3 drawers, with cover.....\$12.74
7 drawers, with cover.....\$14.98
4 drawers, with drop head.....\$17.98
4 drawers, automatic drop head.....\$21.98
Hand Machines.....\$5.94 and \$6.99

Third Floor, near Central Building.

Stocktaking Touches Hats.

95c. to \$1.69 Untrimmed Hats at 48c.

These are designs for women, misses and children, in the plain and fancy straws—some of the very best shapes we have had. They must go to give place to more Hats on the way. None sent C. O. D.

Women's Sailor Hat News.

The highest grades have now touched the lowest prices here. These are from a maker whose Sailor Straws are as good as any made at home or abroad—finished by men hatters with that effective style that experts possess. The braids are semit and split and the shapes are the most correct and up-to-date. Colors, black, brown, navy, red and white. They have sold from \$1.45 to \$4.25. To-morrow all must go at.....95c. to \$3.75

Duck, Crash, Linen and Batavia Hats.

For women, misses and children. Some are untrimmed and require but a few simple ornaments to complete them. Some trimmed with cord and tassels, others with silk, quills, braids, pompons and ribbons—the correct idea for seashore or mountain wear. Among them are many exclusive designs and all are moderate in price.....48c. to \$5.45

Fine White Goods—Bargains.

Continued good values in the popular White Goods Store. There are some unmatchable prices here.

Imported highly mercerized figured Madras, from an English manufacturer who sends us all his surplus stock; large variety of stylish designs in poplin, Oxford and Matisse weaves; none of them ever sold elsewhere before for less than 25c. a yard and many at 35c. a yard, all to go.....\$1.99
Persian Lawn, 36 inches wide, sheer quality, silk finish.....1.00 yard
Sheer lawn, 36 inches wide, dotted lace stripe, lawn, in a variety of dainty patterns; been selling everywhere at 19c.; while they last at.....1.25c. yard
Imported fine and sheer Persian Lawn, 47 inches wide, silk finish, for dainty dress wear, 25c. quality at.....1.00 yard
English Long Cloth, soft finish, yard wide, in 12 yard lengths, selling regularly at 10c. yard, soft finish, yard wide, in 12 yard lengths, selling at.....85c. a piece
India Linon, 40 inches wide, fine and sheer, for cool Summer dresses, closely priced at.....1.25c. yard

The Outdoor Sports.

On Automobile Supplies we can save money for you. Anything not in stock will be ordered at short notice at lower prices than anywhere else. Goggles, French, German and American, very extensive line, prices.....98c., \$1.40, \$1.98 and up.

Auto Numbers, patent leather pad, with four numbers.....\$1.50
"The Orient Buckboard." The lightest, simplest, cheapest and most practical automobile made—and this year's model is full of improvements. We are the exclusive agents in Brooklyn, price.....\$4.98

Motor Cycles. The coming sport. Goes farther and faster than an automobile and at about one-third the maintenance cost. We are the Brooklyn agents for the Thomas Auto-Bi as well as the Orient. Just compare our prices with others.

Bicycles for the miss or youth. The children have not given up this healthful sport and the grown folks are getting back to it this year. "Our Fairy" is a first class machine for the young folk in every respect; 24 and 26 inch wheels.....\$14.98

Petticoats,

Colored and Black.

Seersucker Petticoats, prettystripes, made with two small heart-shaped ruffles. Also black percale Petticoats, trimmed with deep accordion plaited ruffle, finished with small ruffle, value 75c. and \$1.00, at.....\$1.00

Black saton Petticoats, trimmed with three small hemstitched ruffles, a special at.....98c.

Black taffeta silk Petticoats, with accordion plaited ruffle, trimmed with small ruffle, finished with deep ruche at foot. Another style with accordion plaited ruffle, trimmed with small ruche underneath and dust ruffle of percale, value \$5.00, at.....\$3.98

Taffeta silk Petticoats, all the leading shades and black, graduated accordion plaited ruffle, trimmed with ruche or ruche. Unusual value at.....\$2.98